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The Tsingtao Garrison Headquarters of the PLA has restricted sections of Tsingtao Harbor from navigation by commercial ships and fishing boats to prevent enemy ships from entering the harbor area for the purpose of reconnaissance or destruction of military installations.

Shipping service to and from Ning-po continued to increase in October 1950, and the volume of imports and exports in October was four times greater than during September 1950.

Fifteen out of 18 inland waterway routes on the Min Chiang in northeastern Fukien Province and those on the Chiu Chiang and around Amoy are now open for navigation.

The East China District Inland Waterway Control Bureau was established on 15 November 1950 to control inland waterway navigation in its area. On the same day, the China Merchants Steamship Navigation Company assigned 31 river boats to its control.

Two Soviet ships, the Poltava and Aivazovsk, arrived in Canton to pick up important military supplies destined for North China.

COMMERCIAL SHIPPING AFFECTED -- Tsingtao Jih-pao, 2 Nov 50

On 2 November 1950, the Tsingtao Garrison Headquarters of the PLA announced the following regulations concerning navigation in Tsingtao Harbor. The regulations are designed to prevent enemy ships from entering the harbor area for the purpose of reconnaissance or destruction of military installations, and to protect the harbor area, sea coast, and city of Tsingtao from enemy attacks.

1. The harbor area, north of latitude 36 02 N and from T'uan Tao east to Mai Tao, has been designated as a restricted area where all commercial ships and fishing boats are prohibited to navigate or anchor at any time.

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2. Each night from 1800 hours to 0600 hours next morning, all commercial ships, including wooden boats and junks, are restricted from navigation within the area between longitudes 120 00 E and 120 43 E, and latitudes 35 46 N and 36 09 N. This restriction, however, does not apply within the inner harbor.

3. All navigational lights within the restricted areas will be extinguished during the restricted hours. When friendly naval vessels departing or entering the harbor area on emergency require navigational lights to pass the restricted area, request must be made through this headquarters, and only after approval and after all other responsible organizations are notified, will the lights be turned on.

4. All commercial ships of more than 500 tons must make contact with the Tsingtao signal tower prior to entering or departing from the port area, and must comply with the orders from the signal tower. The contact area for incoming ships is outside the line connecting T'ai-p'ing Point and the tip of Hsieh-chia Tao, and for outgoing ships, the area within the inner harbor.

5. These regulations will become effective on 4 November 1950.

NING-PO SHIPPING INCREASES -- Shanghai Ta Kung Pao, 4 Nov 50

Ning-po -- Shipping service to and from Ning-po continued to increase in October 1950, and the volume of imports and exports in October was four times greater than during September. The number of outgoing ships totaled 1,207, and incoming ships totaled 1,034.

Two new routes were also added in October, one to Wen-chou and another to Hai-men, both in Chekiang Province.

FUKIEN INLAND SHIPPING BEING RESTORED -- Shanghai Ta Kung Pao, 15 Nov 50

Foochow--- Inland waterway shipping in Fukien Province is being quickly restored to normalcy. Of the 18 routes on the Min Chiang in northeastern Fukien Province, all but three routes at the mouth of the river which are still affected by the Nationalist blockade, are being served at normal capacity. On the Chiu Chiang and around Amoy in southern Fukien, all shipping routes with the exception of the route touching Quemoy, are now open for navigation.

SET UP EAST CHINA INLAND WATERWAY CONTROL BUREAU -- Shanghai Wen-hui Pao, 25 Nov 50

Shanghai -- The East China District Inland Waterway Control Bureau was formally established on 15 November 1950 to control inland waterway navigation in its area.

On the same day, the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company assigned the following 31 river boats to the new bureau: Fei-hu, Fei-chieh, Fei-i, Fei-ch'uan, Fei-lai, Fei-hsu, Fei-ao, Fei-huang, Fei-ch'eng, Fei-hsien, Fei-yueh, Fei-han, Feng-shang, Ch'eng-shan, P'eng-fei, Hsin-she, Hsin-chieh, Hsin-chia, Hsin-p'ing, Hsin-nung, Hsin-ching, Hsin-chi, Hsin-hsiang, Kuo-kuang, Kuo-shih, Sheng-201, Chung-shan, Shih-shan, I-shan, Pa-shan, and Hsiao-shan.

TWO SOVIET SHIPS ARRIVE AT CANTON -- Hong Kong Kung-shang Jih-pao, 29 Dec 50

Two Soviet ships, the Poltava and Aivazovsk, which formerly served the Hong Kong-Korea-Dairen route, arrived in Canton to pick up important military supplies destined for North China. Both of these ships have a loading capacity of 4,000 tons.

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